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## **Governor Daniels to attend MCF PLUS graduation**

Bunker Hill, IN (Aug. 6, 2010) – The Miami Correctional Facility (MCF) has scheduled a PLUS graduation ceremony for next week, for 48 offenders who recently completed the 16-month program.

Gov. Mitch Daniels will be one of the special guest speakers present at the event celebrating the offender's accomplishment with them.

The PLUS program, which was named the Program of the Year by the American Correctional Chaplain's Association in 2009, began in January 2006 at MCF. The program provides an opportunity for offenders to explore and choose alternatives to criminal thinking and behavior through an emphasis on spiritual, moral and character development, life-skills training, and intentional preparation for living as law-abiding citizens who contribute to the well-being of their community.

PLUS, which is an acronym for Purposeful Living Units Serve, has the offenders working on developing a Purposeful Life Plan. Other parts of the curriculum include: employment skills and vocations, addiction treatment, responsibility to Right the Wrong (to victims, family, community, and self), basic life skills, and much more. Each participant is also required to donate 320 hours to community service.

"The PLUS Program is one of the best programs in the Department of Correction for giving back to the community," according to Mark Sevier, MCF Superintendent. "It requires the offenders to be accountable for their actions and to also go beyond their self-education and growth to helping others within their own prison community as well as those outside of our fences. These men are learning that giving builds character as well as self-esteem."

Miami Correctional Facility has had 304 offenders complete the program since it opened in January 2006. The unit has also donated more than \$25,000 back to the community.

### **Event Information**

What: PLUS Graduation Ceremony  
When: 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010  
Where: Miami Correctional Facility Rec. Building

***Media: please RSVP your attendance by Aug. 10. If attending be at the facility no later than 3 p.m.***

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